

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1 through 9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10. (New) A method for processing a textile piece, comprising:
placing the textile piece on a non-porous mask having a shape corresponding to at least a portion of the textile piece;
moving a pick-up head above the textile piece, said pick-up head having a shape corresponding to said shape of said non-porous mask; and
drawing suction through said pick-up head so that the textile piece is held between said non-porous mask and said pick-up head.

Claim 11. (New) The method as in claim 10, further comprising moving said pick-up head to carry the textile piece and said non-porous mask to a processing area.

Claim 12. (New) The method as in claim 11, further comprising moving said pick-up head to carry the textile piece and said non-porous mask to an arrival area.

Claim 13. (New) The method as in claim 11, further comprising processing a processed portion of the textile piece while a non-processed portion of the textile piece is held between said non-porous mask and said pick-up head.

Claim 14. (New) The method as in claim 13, wherein said non-processed portion is an internal surface of the textile piece and said processed portion is a marginal surface surrounding at least a portion of said internal surface.

Claim 15. (New) The method as in claim 13, wherein said processed portion comprises a central part of the textile piece.

Claim 16. (New) The method as in claim 13, wherein said processing comprises cutting the textile piece.

Claim 17. (New) A device for processing a porous textile piece, comprising:
a non-porous mask having a shape corresponding to at least a portion of the textile piece; and

a pick-up head having a suction plate, said suction plate having a shape corresponding to said shape of said non-porous mask, wherein suction applied by said suction plate sandwiches the textile piece between said non-porous mask and said suction plate.

Claim 18. (New) The device as in claim 17, further comprising a device for moving said pick-up head while the textile piece is sandwiched between said non-porous mask and said suction plate.

Claim 19. (New) The device as in claim 18, wherein said device for moving said pick-up head comprises a multi-axis robot.

Claim 20. (New) The device as in claim 18, further comprising a processing area for processing the textile piece while the textile piece is sandwiched between said non-porous mask and said suction plate.

Claim 21. (New) The device as in claim 20, further comprising a departure area for picking up the textile piece before processing at said processing area and an arrival area for placing the textile piece after processing at said processing area.

Claim 22. (New) The device as in claim 17, wherein said suction plate comprises two separated parts.